



DIVISION OF MINES

BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Web Site: <http://www.dmme.virginia.gov/dm/default.htm>

AUTOMATIC ELEVATOR OPERATOR (COAL)

PHOTO ID REQUIRED

Article 3 of the **Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia** establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20, which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Automatic Elevator Operator (Coal)*

This certification authorizes the holder to perform automatic elevator operator duties as required by the manufacturer's specification.

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$40.00 fee 5 working days prior to observation
- One year of coal mining experience. **NOTE: Experience must be submitted within 5 years of passing the examination. After 5 years records are destroyed. Must reapply if future certification is desired.**
- Authorization on company stationery from company official for DM Representative to use company automatic elevator for the observation
- Current first aid training (MSHA 5000-23 Annual Retraining or New Miner Inexperienced Training acceptable)
- Demonstrate knowledge and ability to use an automatic elevator in accordance with manufacturer's specifications. This demonstration is observed and documented by a DM Representative.
- Hold a General Miner Certification
- Gas Detection – practical demonstration

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